



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St Mary's Parish — *Maungaturoto* — *Mangawhai* — *Wellsford*
Saturday Vigil MAUNGATUROTO – Mass 4.00pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)
2nd & 4th Saturdays – Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion: 4.00pm.

Sunday - MANGAWHAI: Mass 8.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays).
1st & 3rd Sundays Liturgy of Word Holy Communion: 8.30am.

WELLSFORD: Mass 10.30am every Sunday
Tues 9.00am & Fri 11.30am Eucharistic Adoration Fri 10.45-11.20am

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (b) – 24th November 2024

Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93

Revelations 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

Christ, the Alpha and Omega

The feast, formerly called ‘*Christ the King*’, has been renewed by the Vatican Council to stress the universal rule of Jesus. Earlier in John's gospel there are some words of Jesus to the Pharisees which clarify the rule of Christ. Jesus says, ‘*I am not of this world*’.

There's a distance, even a break between domination and service. In today's passage, Jesus' clarifies that his realm is unlike the one that Pilate knows (which is the rule of arbitrariness, privilege and domination). Jesus' realm is love, justice and service.

The historical coming of Jesus Christ and especially his death followed by his resurrection, represents the culmination of his revelatory and mediatory task.

The opening verse and the concluding chapters of the Book of Revelation, reflect the period previous to the coming of Jesus, when revelation depended on human or angelic mediators. In the light of these events this passage speaks of revelation as being in the future. GOD loves us in Christ. Christ's love is everlasting. Jesus has made amends for our sins.

After this praising, the visionary announces the closeness of the end . That's to be the theme of the whole *Book of Revelation*.

The passage ends with the LORD's self-proclamation under the titles: *Alpha & Omega; Who is, Who was, and Who is to come; the Almighty*.

Jesus asks how Pilate understands ‘*king*’. Jesus preferred the confusion of being condemned to death as a Zealot than to the confusion of his reigning being considered purely a spiritual and non-political reality.

Truth is the law of love. Jesus brought that Truth. It is the incarnation of the commandment to love. That's why he says to Pilate: ‘*I was born for this*’ (Jn 18:33-37). At the Last Supper he had said: ‘*I am the Truth*’. He says that all who obey the Truth, listen to what he says. He doesn't say that those who listen to him, obey the commandment of love and live in accordance with love. He says the opposite: that those who live in accordance with love are his followers. Jesus tells Pilate that he is a king and that he comes to tell the Truth. It doesn't seem there is anything in common between being ‘*king*’, and ‘*telling the Truth*’. But his kingdom and the Truth have a lot in common. The establishment of a just society is the Truth of humanity. Jesus came to tell what the Truth is; to tell what Justice is; that justice, will be his reigning. BF

“At the last judgment, the Lord will judge us on the choices we have made,” Francis said. “He only draws out the consequences of our choices, brings them to light and respects them. Life, we come to see, is a time for making robust, decisive, eternal choices.”

First Communicants

Please pray for *Tim Lacerna* and *Lesieli Maka* who are making their *First Holy Communion* today. A big thank you to Maureen Hancock for taking Tim and Lesieli through their instruction during the past few weeks.

LITURGY MEETING

Tuesday 26 November 9.30am (after 9am Mass) at Wellsford.

Year of Jubilee

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regular to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

On the ‘Wings’ of the Spirit! Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get **Wings. Nga Parira** in your parish today, the **NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme**.

Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Delexit Nos – He Loved Us

Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, “*Delexit Nos*” - “*He loved us*”. I will host a series of 3 sessions on this in Advent, 4th, 11th, 18th December, 7 – 7.30pm on Zoom. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Wake and Pray

Tuesday mornings in Advent, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December, a half hour Meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels

Sunday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Anniversary Mass 2025 Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12th January 2025**. We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this one-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point.

We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at between 6:30pm - 7pm. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Hydration and Lunch will be provided - Cost per person is \$15.00 All are welcome!!



NGA
TAPUWAE
JUBILEE HIKOI
2025



Online Information
Evening Wednesday 20th
November 7pm - 8pm

Registrations are open for Ngā
Tapuwae 10th to 12th January
2025

Please register at link above or contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz



Nga Tapuwae Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae [10th to 12th January 2025](#). Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage.

This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

St Michael's Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz

St Michael's, Remuera, is hosting a Retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent.

When: **Saturday 30 November 9.00am – 5.30pm** (You're welcome to join our Saturday Mass 8.00am - 8.30am & Confession 8.30am)

Where: **St Michael's Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera**

Join us as we delve into the theme of 'Friendship & Virtue' enriching our understanding of hope, faith, joy and peace with Dr Robert Loretz

Light lunch provided. Koha on entry. To register [Advent Retreat — St. Michael's Church Remuera](#)

Help us make a difference Do you want to help us create a more just and peaceful society through empowerment, advocacy, faith, hope and charity in action? We are looking for new members to join these committees: • Bi-cultural • Affordability of Housing • Social Welfare and Anti-Poverty • Peace and International Justice • Environment and Sustainability • Social Hazards • Human Life • Crime and Reconciliation. If you want to help make our world a better place, we'd love to hear from you. To find out more, contact Executive Secretary Kathleen Card at kathleenc@cda.org.nz *Justice & Peace Commission Catholic Diocese of Auckland*

| Wellsford Roster | | | |
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| | Sunday 24 Nov. | Sunday 1 Dec | Sunday 8 Dec |
| <i>Min/s of Word</i> | Marie Rambaud, Maurice Haddon | Mike Harris, Sam | Bob Schimanski, Lagi Sands |
| <i>Intercessions</i> | Marie | Sam | Bob |
| <i>Minister of Eucharist</i> | Monica Pride | Ken Hancock | Marie Rambaud |
| <i>Morning Tea</i> | Shared light lunch | Maureen Hancock | Monica Pride |
| <i>Church Cleaning</i> | | Maureen | |
| <i>Leader</i> | Maureen | Marie | Monica |

Prayer intentions for the week

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Prayers for our Sick:

Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Sheita Mehary, Pamela Downes, Petronella Brom, Lorna Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Ann & Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Theresa McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss (Mexico), Val Rusher, Bill Warren, Jan Blamey, Stuart Brown. . .

Trevor Brljevich, Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Adolph Layec

Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands, Tim Emberson, Caroline Milner, Theresa Graham, Justin Sands

Prayers for the Dead:

For those who have died in the current conflicts in *Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia*, and our dead whose anniversaries occur around this time including: *Ivan Tomich (28th), Phyllis Dowling (30th)*.

Readings: 34th Week Ordinary Time

Monday 25 Nov.

Apocalypse 14:1-5 Ps.24

Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday 26 Nov.

Apocalypse 14:14-19 Ps.96

Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday 27 Nov.

Apocalypse 15:1-4 Ps.98

Luke 21:12-19

Thursday 28 Nov.

Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3.9 Ps.100

Luke 21:20-28

Friday 29 Nov.

Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-20:15 Ps.84

Luke 21:29-33

Saturday 30 Nov. St Andrew, Apostle

Romans 10:9-18 Ps.19A

Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday 1 Dec. 1st Sunday of Advent

1. Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ps.25

2. Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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Reconciliations:

Wellsford: Sat. 8.30 – 8.55am Maungaturoto: Sat. 3.30 – 3.55pm.

Mangawhai: Sun: 8.00 – 8.25am